

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: RUBBER COMPOSITION AND PNEUMATIC TIRE USING THE SAME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2007, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,525,118 to Hergenrother *et al.* ("Hergenrother '118").

Claim 1 recites at least one of non-ionic surfactants represented by the following formulae (I) and (II):

